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January 25, 1995 • 7:00 p.m.
The Plantation, 9660 Dry Fork Road, Harrison, Ohio

The FERNALD CITIZENS TASK FORCE, the U.S. Department of Energy's local site-specific advisory group, has been asked to make recommendations on several strategic issues, including the safe disposition of the waste materials that will be generated by the clean-up of the Fernald site. Representatives of the Task Force will be available to discuss the options and answer questions about waste disposition.

This is your opportunity to help the Task Force make its recommendations to DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

You are encouraged to attend this roundtable working session and to give the Task Force feedback on its decisionmaking process.

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## FERNALD CITIZENS TASK FORCE TO HOLD PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON DISPOSITION OF CONTAMINATED MATERIALS

CINCINNATI, Ohio -- The Fernald Citizens Task Force will hold a public workshop on Wednesday, January 25, 1995, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Plantation, 9660 Dry Fork Road, Harrison, Ohio. The Task Force is at a critical juncture in its decisionmaking process, as it is discussing the safe disposition of the waste materials that will be generated by the cleanup at Fernald.

The purpose of this roundtable working session is to encourage Fernald's neighboring communities to work directly with the Task Force in developing the recommendations it will be submitting to the U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) in July 1995. The roundtable format will allow participants to learn about options, to ask

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questions, to consider consequences, and to express opinions. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting.

The Fernald Citizens Task Force has been created to help guide cleanup at Fernald. The U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, and DOE collaborated to form the Task Force. It includes representatives of the constituencies affected by cleanup decisions.

The Task Force's objective is to seek consensus among these "stakeholders" concerning cleanup strategies, future uses of the Fernald site and other environmental management issues. The U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, and DOE have agreed to consider carefully the Task Force's recommendations in their decisionmaking processes, though its recommendations are not legally binding. The major concerns of the Task Force are as follows:

- What should be the future use of the site?
- What should be the cleanup levels?
- Where should radioactive and hazardous wastes present at the Fernald site be disposed?
- What should be the cleanup priorities?

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